RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an international seminar on women's issues today was held at New Delhi in February, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the main observations and suggestions made at the seminar; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Department of Women & Child Development is not aware.

(b) and (c) The question does not arise.

Allocation for Repair of Roads in Tamil Nadu

3306. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the allocation made and the amount released for the repair of National Highways in Tamil Nadu during 1988-89;

(b) whether any urgent work has suffered due to financial constraints;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether the annual allocation is proposed to be raised; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Rs. 718.50 lakhs has been released.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) No further sum is proposed to be released during the remaining period of 1988-89.

Merger of Pak Occupied Kashmir with Jammu and Kashmir

3307. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what follow up action, in accordance with the Shimla Agreement has been taken by the Government of India for the merger of Pak occupied areas of Jammu and Kashmir with the State of Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India and the only issue that remains is that of the vacation of Indian territory under Pakistan's illegal occupation. This, and our view that all matters between the two countries should be resolved bilaterally and in accordance with the Shimla Agreement has been made known to Pakistan on a number of occasions.

Closing Down of the School for the Disabled Children

3308. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a special school for the severely disabled children is being run by the Institute for the Physically Handicapped at 4, Vishnu Digamber Marg, Delhi; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to close down this school; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what alternative arrangements are being made for the education/training of the handicapped/disabled children studying there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) Education of the severely handicapped children is the concern of the Ministry of Welfare. According to the information furnished by that Ministry, the Institute for the Physically Handicapped, Vishnu Digamber Marg, New Delhi, is running a special school for orthopaedically handicapped children since 1978. Orthopaedically handicapped children in the age group 6 to 11 years are admitted to this school. During the year 1988-89, 44 children were on the rolls of this school. The present policy of the Government is that segregation of orthopaedically handicapped children should be avoided and instead of running special schools for them, they should be provided integrated education along with the normal children, so as to ensure their proper development. Keeping this in view, it has been decided to phase out gradually the special school being run by the Institute for the Physically Handicapped. Even after phasing out of this school, one or two sections of classes will continue to be run in the Institute so that children who come to the Institute for corrective surgery and fitment of limbs do not have to miss their schooling for this duration. The children who are already in the school will continue to be there till they pass out of the school.

Imposition of Fine on Mohinder Amarnath by the Cricket Control Board of India

3309. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the imposition of a fine of Rs. 20,000/- on the Cricket Star Mohinder Amarnath by the Cricket Control Board of India;

(b) if so, whether Government have inquired into the circumstances leading to imposition of such a heavy fine and propose to intervene in the matter; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have considered the question of reconstitution of the Cricket Control Board of India to ensure justice to the cricketers; if so, what steps are being contemplated by Government in this regard; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) This is a matter between the Board of Control for Cricket in India and the individual sports person. Board of Control for Cricket in India is an independent autonomous body and Government does not normally interfere in its internal matters.

Cracks in Udayagiri Caves

3310. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in "The Hindustan Times" of January 30, 1989 to the effect that cracks have appeared in the world famous Udayagiri Caves in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to maintain and to improve the caves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P.